SENATE BILL 6401

State of Washington 65th Legislature 2018 Regular Session

By Senator Hunt

1 AN ACT Relating to diaper changing stations; and adding a new 2 section to chapter 70.54 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 70.54 5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this 7 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

8 (a) "Children's menu" includes a menu or list of food or meals 9 available that is designed or intended for children.

10 (b) "Diaper changing station" includes a table or other device 11 suitable for changing the diaper of a child forty pounds or less.

12 (c) "Restaurant" means a facility that prepares and sells food13 directly to consumers for immediate consumption.

14 (2) A restaurant, with an occupancy of at least sixty persons, 15 that offers a children's menu must install and maintain at least one 16 diaper changing station that is accessible to women and one diaper 17 changing station that is accessible to men, or one diaper changing 18 station that is accessible to both men and women.

19 (3) For a first violation of this section, the city or county 20 attorney shall issue a warning letter to the owner or operator of the 21 restaurant. An owner or operator of a restaurant that violates this

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section after receiving a warning letter is guilty of a class 2 civil
infraction under chapter 7.80 RCW.

3 (4) The diaper changing station requirements of this section 4 shall not apply when:

5 (a) A restaurant does not have a restroom available for public 6 use;

7 (b) A restaurant with an occupancy of at least sixty people is 8 located no more than three hundred feet from at least one diaper 9 changing station that is accessible to women and one diaper changing 10 station that is accessible to men, or one diaper changing station 11 that is accessible to both men and women;

12 (c) The existing restroom does not have space necessary to 13 install a diaper changing station.

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